

The Whole Truth

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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NEW GENERAL BOARD, STEATED: L. TO R. BISHOP S. L. GREEN, BISHOP O. T. JONES, JR., BISHOP LEROY ANDERSON, BISHOP P. A. BROOKS, BISHOP C. D. OWENS AND BISHOP J. N. HAYNES, STANDING: L. TO R. BISHOP JACOB COHEN, BISHOP J. D. HUSBAND, BISHOP L. H. FORD, BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON, BISHOP F. D. WASHINGTON AND BISHOP C. L. ANDERSON.

The quadrennial inauguration of the General Officers of the Church of God in Christ will be held April 9, 1985. The inauguration service will take place at the beautiful Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ at 8:00 p.m. This will be the fifth inauguration service.

Bishop J. O. Patterson will be installed a fifth time as Presiding Bishop of the church. Bishop Patterson has been the capable leader of the church since 1968. God has placed His approval upon this great steward of this church.

Along with Bishop Patterson, a new General Board will be installed. Serving for a fifth term will be Bishop L. H. Ford, Bishop F. D. Washington, and Bishop J. D. Husband. Serving a fourth term will be Bishop C. L. Anderson. Being installed a third term is Bishop Jacob Cohen, Bishop C. D. Owens, and Bishop R. L. Anderson. Bishop O. T. Jones will serve his second term. Joining the General Board for the first term will be Bishop P. A. Brooks, Bishop S. L. Green, and Bishop J. N. Haynes.

The General Board will not be the only officers installed. The General Secretary, Bishop G. R. Ross, is preparing to serve his third term. The General Treasurer, Bishop T. R. Davis, will serve a second term. The Financial Secretary, Dr. S. Y. Burnett, will be installed to serve the church another four years. Dr. R. L. Jones will be installed as chairman of the National Board of Trustees.

The inaugural service has been one of splendor these past years. The inaugural's beauty is only surpassed by its significance. This service consecrates our leadership. With them, the national ministry will be focused and activated. Every saint has a part in this necessary activity.

The message preached during the inaugural has always been delivered by a non-Bishop. Bishop Patterson feels a subordinate will be careful to express the desires of the saints. The people usually understand the challenge of leadership and have something valuable to contribute. In 1973, Dr. Reupert Holmes of Columbus, Ohio preached, "And They All Arose and Stood Every Man in His Own Place." In 1977, Dr. Ithiel Clemons of Brooklyn, New York preached, "Stewards of God's Mysteries". In 1981, Dr. Oliver J. Haney, the Dean of Mason Theological Seminary, preached, "What Time Is It?--It's Thirteen O' Clock". 1985 will bring a messenger of renown to challenge the hearts of the leadership to greater service. The word is that the son will rise in the west! This son of the church will stand behind the sacred pulpit of Pentecostal Temple on Tuesday, April 9, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. in Memphis, Tennessee.

Of course, all bishops, national officers and appointed adjutants are asked to appear in full vestments. Don't miss this quadrennial inauguration.

EMERITUS BISHOP WHITE DIES



BISHOP JOHN WHITE PICTURED WITH BISHOPS PATTERSON, KELLY, BAILEY AND WASHINGTON WAS A VITAL PART OF THE NATIONAL CHURCH MINISTRY.

In recent months, many of our church's oldest and most venerable saints have gone home to glory. Bishop John Walter White has joined ranks of the saints gone to live with Jesus. He follows Bishop J. S. Bailey and Bishop J. A. Blake. All of them were general board members.

Bishop White was born May 25, 1885, in Stateline, Mississippi. His parents, the late Frank and Annie Pierce White, were of the Baptist church. His parents provided excellent Christian training in their home. As a child and a young man, Bro. White served his church as Sunday School Superintendent and deacon. During those years, he accepted holiness and had a pentecostal experience that affected the remainder of his

life.

He accepted the ministry as his vocation and organized the St. John Temple Church of God in Christ in Bogalusa, Louisiana. He pastored for sixty-two years. Down through the years, he served the Church of God in Christ whenever and wherever called upon.

Through the years of ministry, Bishop White was never alone. Mother Elizabeth Abrams White supported him as wife and partner in the faith for fifty-six years. She was with him on April 5, 1984 when Bishop White was admitted to the hospital. After a ten month struggle with illness and senior years, he departed this life on January 8, 1985. Mother White was with him to

the end.

The jurisdiction mourned his loss and commemorated his life on January 13, 1985. The Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush officiated. The national church celebrated the life of Bishop White on the following day. Presiding Bishop, J. O. Patterson, was chief officiant of the services.

The entire Church shall miss this kindly elder statesman of holiness. He served as a General Board member for sixteen years and was recently granted emeritus status.

For comfort, the saints turn to scripture. The WHOLE TRUTH

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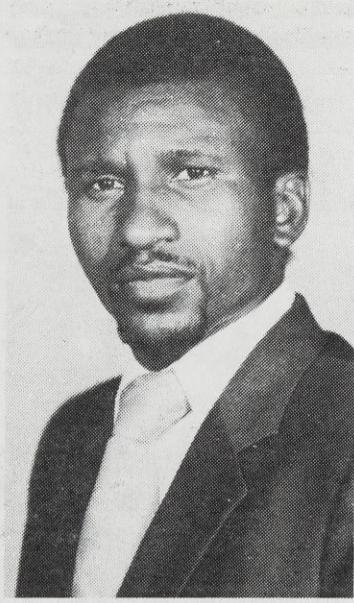
VALUE OF CONTINUITY
by
Elder David Hall

This coming April will signal the fifth time our Church has celebrated the inauguration of a "New Presidium." Our Church leadership is doing a fine job of guiding the Church. Christ is very much the Head of the Church, and the Holy Ghost daily manifests Himself at will. There is a continuity of spirit, community and leadership as a result of the preservation of our sanctified standards.

These are days of challenge, war, and famine. The Church has responded well to the immediate frustrations the Devil brings to life. We have stood together as a Church and as a part of the human community, attempting to convert the world. During these changing times, we have remained true to a changeless Christ.

In November, the delegates of the General Assembly participated in an election which returned the Presiding Bishop and most of the General Board members to serve. As a matter of fact, only death and physical incapacitation kept members from returning. This speaks well for the longevity of service granted to those entrusted to lead the church. There seems to be a consensus of trust among the delegates toward our leadership. Change comes slowly, and should it come it does so only after deep reflection. Change in the Church of God in Christ has not been reduced to arbitrary impulses or emotions.

The November election was more than a great victory for the New Presidium. The vote was both an open and closed assessment of the church's direction. Privately, each delegate stood in the voting booth and assessed the quality of leadership that had been given. Publicly, the vote tally suggested our private criticisms



ELDER DAVID HALL

were not incidental but rather a significant indication of our judgments. We maintained our present General Board and brought three new members on board. The composition of the General Board is consistent and not a swing in any direction. It is like the old saying, "something old and something new". There are men serving a consecutive term on the board and men preparing for the first term.

Continuity of leadership is developed because people choose to support those they have elected. Quality leadership is developed and tested by the frequent and often difficult circumstances of guiding people. Trial and error, in addition to mature skills, make leaders. Of course, the prayers of the righteous will help also.

The fathers of the Church have established a record of continuity. The world has recorded our smooth and efficient flow of power. This is an excellent example of quality leadership for the youth of today to understand leadership for tomorrow.

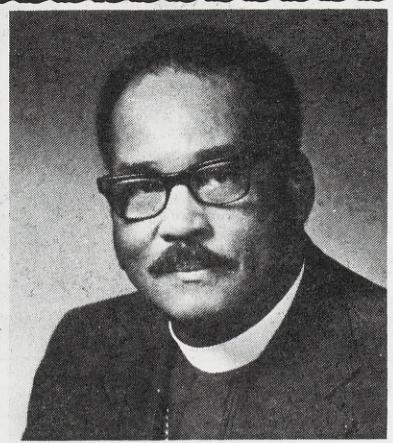
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Dear Saints:

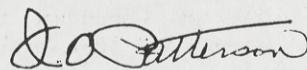
The last phrase of one of Christendom's great and enduring hymns reads, "O, Blessed Saviour count on me." These words are few but they carry a message of great magnitude.

In the six words of the phrase, the reciter sends a signal to all hearers that he has made a commitment to the Lord to serve as an ambassador of Christ. He further indicates his willingness to withstand all tests and trials he may encounter as a result of his commitment and he does so without murmuring or complaining.

During my next term of office, I hope I will have the support of many of you in taking our Church to the heights that God would have us reach. We have done much to help rid our society of many of its ills, but there yet remain much to be done. It is imperative that we help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to those out of doors, console the brokenhearted and offer hope to the downtrodden. If we fail in these areas, we will have failed to accomplish a great portion of the ministry the Lord has given to our Church.

I hope you will join in the resounding of the hymn when you are called upon to share in the furtherance of these ministries. The hymnwriter was absolutely correct, "The Lord has need of workers. . . ." Can He count on you?

Your Chief-servant,



J. O. Patterson, Sr.
Presiding Bishop

We are the people and others of extra and special help status, WHO work behind the stage, WHO you never see out front, WHO receive from the editors; Sunday school, YPWW, Bible Band, Mission Topics, Whole Truth Paper and Souvenir Journals, WHO mark up the copy, WHO type the books, WHO proof the copy WHO lay out the books, WHO paste up the books, WHO shoot the negatives, WHO opaque the negatives, WHO mask the negatives, WHO burns the plates, WHO develop the plates, WHO register the plates on the press, WHO run the press, WHO receive the mail, WHO audit the orders, WHO fill the orders, WHO wrap the orders, WHO zip code by states the packages, WHO sack the orders, WHO take to Post office to be delivered to you, our customers.

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NATIONAL NEWS

PRESIDING BISHOP'S INAUGURAL DINNER

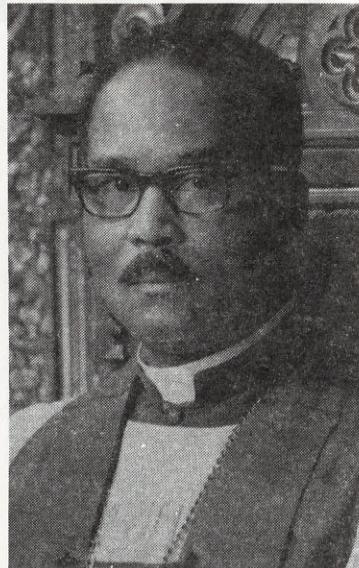
The Presiding Bishop's Inaugural Dinner, April 8, 1985, will be a prelude to the Inauguration Service and April Call Meeting. At 7:00 p.m., in the Gold Room of the World Headquarters of the Church at Main and Linden Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, the saints will celebrate our Presiding Bishop's service. The saints of Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God In Christ (The Mother Church) will host this gala affair.

Bishop Patterson is preparing to serve his fifth term as presiding officer of the Church. The theme will be "Recognizing A Servant's Service," and will point up the major contributions of Bishop's administration. During the administration of Presiding Bishop Patterson the Church has experienced tremendous growth and bright vistas. The Mason Theological

Seminary was organized; the Church of God In Christ Bookstore was opened; the Hospital Fund has been brought to fruition; and the Church now looks forward to the opening of All Saints University in the immediate future. People of the nation, state and local community will be in attendance to honor the bishop. The entire Church is invited to attend this celebration.

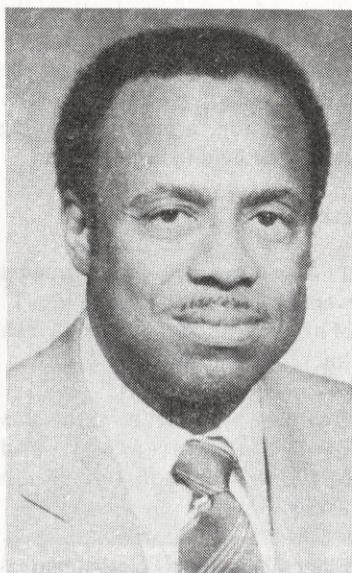
The April Call Meeting will commence April 9, 1985. This dinner promises to be one of beautiful and holy fellowship. Don't miss it! Get your reservation now. Reservations cost only \$50.00. For information call the COGIC Bookstore at 901-525-7334 or Elder A. Z. Hall at 901-525-2507.

A spokesman for the committee



BISHOP PATTERSON

reflected, "the Mother Church loves its pastor, and we so much desire to demonstrate our love. We, likewise, hope the rest of the saints would be a part of the festivities."



BISHOP WINBUSH

The Church of God in Christ United National Auxiliaries Convention will convene July 1-7th, 1985, in Miami Beach, Florida. Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, the Chairman of UNAC is anticipating the greatest convention ever. He desires that as many saints as possible pre-register for the UNAC. Have you registered?

The Headquarters hotel will be the magnificent Fontainebleau Hotel, along with the splendid

Doral and Eden Rock Hotels supplying excellent housing accommodations.

The UNAC has many activities you can not afford to miss. Come enjoy the spiritual worship services and praise the Lord! UNAC will have its annual banquet and pageant that brings joy and fellowship to many. The Song Is Born will again be presented. Come hear and see the great extravaganza of talent. Evangelistic outreach services will be conducted and we pray for souls to be saved. In keeping pace with the times a computer training workshop will be presented. This list of activities goes on but full coverage will come at another time.

Hotel accommodations are very reasonable and the committee urges you to register now! Single room rates go from \$59.00 to \$65.00 per day. Two can live as cheaply as one because twin rates are from \$52.00 to \$65.00. For groups there are triple and quad rates. For information write to UNAC Housing Bureau, P.O. Box 2906, Lafayette, La. 70502. Or, call (318) 264-9289 and talk to the saints. Hope to hear from you soon!

OBITUARY
BISHOP KINARD

"The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever." (Isaiah 32:17)

Graze Kinard was born April 10, 1896, in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, where he received his early education. He was saved from his sins in the year 1918, in Money, Mississippi.

In 1923, he came to Wichita, Kansas, and united with the First Church of God in Christ, under the pastorate of the late Elder A. J. Jones, and served there as a deacon for twenty-five years. In 1927, he was united in marriage to Hattie McBee, and to this union was born five children. His wife and one child preceded him in death.

In 1945, he was called to the ministry and preached his first sermon at the home of Elder and Mrs. Bishop Hannah. Elder Kinard began his first pastorate in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1948. In 1950, Elder Kinard organized and began pastoring the now Holy Temple Church of

God in Christ, which he pastored until his demise.

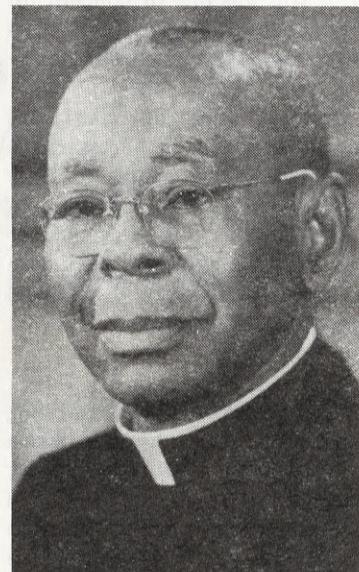
In 1961, he was appointed to serve as Overseer of the Southwestern District, by the late Bishop Charles Pleas, who later appointed him as Co-Adjutor of the Southwestern area of the Kansas Churches of God in Christ.

In 1967, the District Overseer of the Southwestern District, Elder Graze Kinard, was appointed Bishop of Kansas Southwest Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop was truly loved by the Lord in that a little more than five years ago his heart stopped beating; but, the Lord said live on, and gave him a few more years.

Two of his favorite scriptures were: Romans 8:38-39, and Hebrews 12:14; Proverbs 13:3.

Two of his favorite songs were: Praise Him in the Morning and Climbing Up the Mountain, Children.



BISHOP KINARD

He departed this life on Friday Morning, September 28, 1984, in the Wesley Medical Center.

Those of the family who remain with cherished memories are:

Two daughters, Barbara Jean Mathwesm, and Nilus Nadine Thornton; two sons, Graze Kinard, Jr., and Malcolm Kinard; eleven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, all of Wichita, Kansas; three sisters-in-law; many nieces, nephews, a devoted congregation and Jurisdiction, and a host of relatives and friends.

HELP KEEP OUR HISTORY ALIVE

Help keep our history alive! This appeal goes to the general congregation of the Church of God in Christ, and particularly to the fine saints thinking about contributing to the historical museum located in Memphis.

Sister Sara Jordan Powell is ably serving as director of the Historical-Cultural Museum and Fine Arts Center. Her efforts would not be as great without the donations of saints concerned with keeping the record. Those donations have aided in developing an archives of artifacts and information pertaining to the history of the Church of God in Christ.

Why is this important? Through your cooperation, we have immeasurably preserved the saints' heritage. Our youth see and recognize that holiness has been around for quite a while.

They gain a greater sense of direction for tomorrow.

We ask those of you who have something to contribute, no matter how old or unusual, to please send it to us. Those old programs, photos, and various artifacts which characterize our heritage are needed. Your material could help us document the lives of saints gone on and preserve their memory.

The staff is eager to receive your historical gifts with anticipation that they will become a part of one of our future displays. Send the materials to Elder A. Z. Hall, P. O. Box 320, Memphis, Tn. 38101

Sister Diane Mansfield, Staff

UNAC-5 ORATORICAL COMPETITION

The Elder O. Theodore Massey would like all interested persons to fill out the application form printed below. The committee of the UNAC-5 Oratorical Competition desire to receive advance information from the talented young people of speaking ability. Please fill out the profile and mail to the address listed below.

Your cooperation would help the committee determine your eligibility and better enable them to be prepared for the competition. Deadline for entry is June 1, 1985.

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DIRECTOR OF ORATORICAL COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIPS

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DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

MISSION REPORT

Elder Amos Nyema was appointed General Superintendent of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., of Liberia, West Africa during the recent Holy Convocation held in December in Harper City which is in Cape Palmas West Africa.

Bishop Carlis L. Moody, president of the Missions Department and the Executive secretary, Elder J. W. Denny, were there to conduct the installation service for Elder Nyema and other officers.

Elder Nyema is Chairman of the Executive Committee which consist of the General Superintendent, Regional Superintendent and other such offices, such as secretary and treasurer.

Elder Abraham W. Brown will serve as the Vice-Chairman and Regional Superintendent of the Southeast region of Liberia and the Ivory Coast, until someone is appointed to serve in the Ivory Coast. His area includes Simoe, Grand Gedeh, and Maryland Counties.

Elder David E. M. Cassell, Sr., who has served as the Interim Chairman for the past four years is also a member of the Executive Committee and Regional Superintendent of the North West Region of Liberia. This Area includes Grand Bassa, Montserrado, Bong, Nimba, Lofa, and Cape Mount Counties.

Mother Rosetta Harding of Monrovia, one of the First members of the Church of God in Christ in Liberia was recommended to be the representative of the Women's Department.

BOTSWANA MISSION

To all our Mission Supporters and Christian Friends,

Holy Greetings from Botswana, Southern Africa in Jesus' Name! You have my prayers as we enter together the year 1985, and hope the Lord will continue to bless and direct us for His service across many lands.

I am sending SOS appeal to all our Mission supporters and Christian Friends throughout the world because of the drought and famine facing my country, Botswana. Large areas in Western and Central Botswana are facing the driest period in 40 years, and many people are starving to death. The situation is very grave, and we need your prayers and help as soon as possible. You can help to save a life at this critical moment of life and death.

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A decision was made that the Holy Convocation would be held on a bi-annual basis, and on the alternate year of the Convocation, a regional meeting would be held in each region.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made by Bishop C. L. Moody during the 77th International Convocation.

Elder Hermann Platt-Superintendent and Missions Director of South Korea.

Elder James R. O'Neal-Regional Representative of Indiana, Ohio and Lafayette, Indiana, Kentucky.

Elder H. Garcia-Administrative Assistant to Bishop Rodriguez and Legal representative of Church of God in Christ in Mexico.

Elder Wilford Dibbert-Superintendent of Spanish Honduras

Missionary Ruth Hernandez-National Supervisor of Women for Mexico

MISSIONARIES ON THE FIELD

Elder Isidro Ramos Mena-Colombia, Elder Ruebin Santos-Brazil, Elder Herman Platt-South Korea, Missionary Margie Too-Kenya, Bishop Archie Buchanan-Japan.

Our NEEDS are as follows: (1). Boreholes drilling for water costing us \$50,000; (2) Funds to feed over 50,000 community in the rural Areas; (3). Delivery truck for distribution of food; (4). Useful tents to accomodate them temporary; and (5). Used clothing for men, women and children.

Please send all items and contributions to: COGIC Relief Fund, Home and Foreign Missions Department, P.O. Box 491, Memphis, Tennessee 38101.

Your brother in Christ
BISHOP S.S.M. MAIMELA

EVANGELIST DEPARTMENT VISIT HAITI



ELDER BATTLE

The week of December 10th, 1984, was a very special time for six members of the International Evangelist Department. It was our opportunity to travel to Haiti. Traveling with us was an NBC representative and a pastor of the Baptist persuasion.

Our trip was one of concern for the condition which had been brought to our attention.

After arriving in Haiti the evangelists felt it necessary to live among the people to truly get a real feeling and sight of how they live, and so we did. We concerned ourselves mostly with our church situations there and promoted the Church of God in Christ one hundred percent.

The first day was spent traveling to one of the mountain churches. We were driven twenty eight miles up the mountain and we walked two miles. God gave us strength and one mother from Florida (Mother Lula Hunter, eighty years young) went all the way with us and I must say she did better than anyone else in the group.

Before we started the climb she stated what she called "The Mountain Climbers Creed." "I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS FROM WHENCE COMETH MY HELP, MY HELP COMETH FROM THE LORD".....After that the climbing was easier and enjoyable. We were blessed to be a physical and financial help to this church.

Traveling through the streets of Haiti is a mind bogging experience. The feeling of wanting to "save" or "rescue" a whole nation becomes evident, but knowing that was impossible we decided to share as far as our means would go.

On Tuesday Night we were in service with Bishop Lopez Datruche, Prelate of Haiti. Our president shared the Word with the people there and we were all benefited and given a spiritual uplift.

The department was fortunate enough to purchase ten goats, five hundred pounds of rice, four hundred pounds of beans, donate two hundred dollars to an orphanage, supply clothes to

hundreds and feed over two hundred people on the day we returned home (at the bishop's church). We are aware what we did was only a drop in the bucket, but it takes drops to fill the bucket and as caring people we plan to put a few more drops in.

It was a real joy to visit the C.H. Mason, Mattie McGlothen Pavilion for the aging and unwed mothers. Our church is being represented in Haiti, W.I. in a most unique way.

Not only has the Department of Evangelism become involved, but President Battles' two churches have also become TOTALLY involved. We now have a Haiti Project on, especially for inflatable beds for

the children in orphanage homes who sleep on the floor. The response has been rewarding. This is being done through the Evangelist Department.

The concerned travelers were President and Sister E. L. Battles, Dr. Elizabeth Copeland Mother Lula Hunter, Evangelist Eva Orange, Elder Brooks, Rev. C. D. Robinson, and Joy C. Bryon, from NBC. We have pledges from those who traveled to support teachers for our church schools there, to put a floor in one of the churches and to help build another one.

Should the Lord delay His coming, we will return to Haiti to do a bigger and better job for kingdom building this year.

SPIRIT OF GIVING
by
Thea Glover

MISSIONARIES LEAD JOINT EFFORT TO SPREAD COMPASSION ON HAITIANS

Kandis Murphy, Elder Bolden and Regina Wilson making contributions.

A group of workers joined in from Texas Northeast where Bishop J. Neaul Haynes is presiding prelate. State President of Missions Dept., Dr. S. E. Mitchell, Chairlady, Evang. Joyce Watson and Pia Haynes sending clothes. Supt. Lafayette Whitley making \$100.00 contribution and Elder Diggs of Ft. Worth, Texas \$50.00.

Elder Price of Michigan North Central is giving \$100.00, where Bishop Herbert Williams is Jurisdictional Bishop.

Elder Proctor, \$100.00, State Missions President of Western Louisiana where Bishop J. W. White and Bishop L. H. Winbush are presiding prelates.

Elder Chuck Rivers and Sister June Rivers giving \$100.00 from Southwestern Michigan, Elder Earl Wright and Elder Roger Jones Administrative Assistants.

A group of seven persons left for Haiti carrying the clothes and goods on December 13, 1984, and returned December 16, 1984, reporting a very successful trip. The hearts of many of the Haitians was made glad as they received the goods with joy. Elder S. Watson, team leader of a group from St. Louis joined the group carrying a tremendous amount of clothes and goods. Sister Watson and Sister Rose Brown also joined the trip from St. Louis. Others traveling to Haiti were Sister Rose Denley, Sister Sara Grant of San Antonio, Texas, Sister G. Talbert of Houston, Texas, Sister Gina Maxie and Sister Carol Brown both from New Orleans.

Several workers from Texas Southwest No. 2, Bishop R. E. Woodard Jurisdictional Bishop, joined the drive. Shirley and

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WOMEN'S PAGE

THE BIBLE AND ABORTION HOW'S YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

BARBARA MCCOO LEWIS
WOMEN'S EDITORWHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
ABOUT THE UNBORN
CHILD AND ABORTION

During the Bible days, adultery was considered the single worse possible crime committed by a woman. It was a sin against her soul, her husband, her family and her people. Even more devastating, it alienated her from God.

The modern focus has been placed on abortion in much the same way. The legal aspects of abortion are a major issue in elections, magazines, speeches and sermons. The reason for this is that since 1973, more abortions have been performed than 10 times all the lives lost in all wars in American history.

As women of God we should be ready to take a stand. The only way we can be effective is to know the Word of God. The Bible has a lot to say about the unborn child. The following is a Bible study provided by the Right to Life League of Southern California:

Conception is God's Gift

Genesis 18:9-15 — God tells Abraham Sarah will have a son.

Genesis 21:1-2 — The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as He promised. And Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.

Genesis 25:21 — And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

Genesis 25:23 — And the Lord said to (Rebekah), "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples, born to you, shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

Genesis 29:31-35 — The Lord causes Leah to conceive and bear four sons.

Genesis 30:22-23 — God opened Rachel's womb and she conceived and bore Joseph.

I Samuel 1:19-20 — The Lord answers Hannah's prayer and gives her a son.

Galatians 1:15 — But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 — Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Luke 1:13 — Birth of John the Baptist promised to "childless" couple: "but the angel said to him, Zechariah, do not be afraid,

your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth is to bear you a son and you must name him John. He will be your joy and delight and many will rejoice at his birth..."

Luke 1:26-38 — The Annunciation — The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the child, Jesus, before she is ever pregnant. Two of our most beautiful canticles, the Magnificat and the Benedictus are glorifying these two "announcements," of John and Jesus.

God the Father is Creator of the Unborn

Job 10:8-13 — Job acknowledges God as creator.

Job 31:15 — Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?

Psalm 139:13-16 — for thou didst form my inward parts, thou didst knit me together in

my mother's womb. I praise thee, for thou art fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are thy works! Thou knowest me right well; my frame was not hidden from thee, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth. Thy eyes beheld my unformed substance; in thy book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Ecclesiastes 11:15 — As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

Isaiah 44:2 — Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you.

Isaiah 44:24 — Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: "I

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WHEN GOD'S WOMEN PRAY

by
Barbara McCoo Lewis

THERE IS NO Power like prayer. It takes us beyond ourselves and gives life the enlargements, the horizon, the power that God wants for us all. Prayer is a direction of life. It is focusing one's deepest and most personal attention on God. A writer once wrote of prayer; "The most powerful form of energy one can generate is prayer. Prayer is a force as real as terrestrial gravity. Prayer like radium is a luminous and self-generating form of energy."

WHEN WE APPROACH God in prayer, it is easy to complicate a very simple process with rhetoric that has little significance to the matter at hand. Jesus told his disciples; But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be ye not therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before you ask him (Matt. 6:7, 8).

THERE ARE PRINCIPLES which must be followed when we approach God in prayer. First, we must ask God for what we need or want. What things soever ye desire when you pray, believe that you receive them and ye shall have them (Mark 11:24). It is the delight of the Father for us to make our request known. How much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matt. 7:11b).

SECOND, AFTER WE have made our request known, we must locate a scripture and meditate on that promise. There

are thousands of promises in the Bible. One of those should be applicable to the situation. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (II Peter 1:4).

THIRD, WE MUST not look at the problem but rather keep our eyes on Jesus. Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2a). Remember the story of Peter as he walked on the water? As long as his eyes were set on Jesus, he did just fine. When he looked about him and focused his attention on the situation, he began to sink.

FOURTH, PRAISE the Lord for the answer before it becomes a reality. This is where we must activate our faith. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God (Phil. 4:6).

WHILE FOLLOWING the basic principles of prayer, it is also essential that we examine our life to determine if we qualify for answered prayers. There is a surge of believers today who have been seriously misguided. God is indeed all power and he will give us the desires of our heart, but we must be in right standing with God. "Nothing less" than a holy will will be acceptable. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me (Psalm 66:18). Create in me

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by
Mary Kennedy



MARY KENNEDY

THE PROSPERITY OF THE SAINTS

"Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." (Psalm 35:27b)

When Satan can't trick the saints any other way, he works on us in the area of finances. People who are strong in the face of other temptations can be weak about money. He will tempt us to worry that our needs will not be met, or that we will not proper like our friends. He will encourage us to concentrate on getting money for ourselves or for our ministries, and turn our attention away from serving God. And he will tell us that people who live right will never have enough.

But he is a liar, and God delights to see His servants prosper. He wants us to be blessed and He wants us to have everything that is best for us. He has already planned for us to have things that are wonderful beyond our imagination. And when He gives blessings to His children, those blessings do not make us unhappy. The things that we get for ourselves can cause pain (if you get a home or a job or mate outside of God's will, you'll end up miserable!). But God's prosperity—the kind that He gives us when we stay in His will—can only be a blessing. Proverbs 10:22 says, "The blessing of the Lord maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it."

God can give you much more than you can get for yourself,

because He can give you eternal life along with the material blessings. Any sinner can get a fine house or an expensive car or luxurious clothes. But where will that sinner's soul end? If you allow God to bless you, He will give you prosperity and eternal life-comfort in this world and heaven in the next—if you allow Him to.

So often we put our energies into seeking for material things instead of seeking for His kingdom. Often we even worry about money being supplied for our churches, or we fret about fancy new buildings and equipment, instead of trusting God to supply the needs of His ministry. If you spent as much time seeking God in prayer as you do asking Him to do things for you, how much stronger would you be?

This is why Jesus told us to seek God's kingdom first. If we concentrate on doing God's will, then we are free to receive all that He wants to give us. As saints, we are not responsible for GETTING our blessing; we just have to RECEIVE them from a loving Father who is eager to bless. He wants us to be prosperous, and we need to know what godly prosperity is.

When we are prosperous according to God's plan, we have everything that we need to exist on this earth: food and clothing and shelter (Matthew 6:33). We have enough for ourselves and enough to give away to those in need (II Corinthians 9:8). And we are able to be content with what God gives us (Hebrews 13:5).

He gives some of us more than He gives others, and we don't need to know why some saints have much and others have little. Just be sure that you are in His will, and ready to receive whatever He gives you. Then be thankful for all of His gifts to you. Share what you have,

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NOTE FROM THE WOMEN'S EDITOR

Dr. Mattie McGlothen, our International Mother has expressed a desire to have the women share the news of their particular jurisdiction. If each Supervisor would designate a reporter for the Women's Department News, we could make that a reality.

We have a wealth of diversity among the great women of the Church of God in Christ. There are many of you who have been able to excel in your field of endeavor or you would simply like to share your thoughts on a

particular issue or concern for the women of today. I would like to hear from you... All reports and articles should be typed and include your name, local church affiliation, pastor, jurisdiction and the name of your supervisor. All correspondence should be mailed by the 20th of each month to:

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JURISDICTIONAL NEWS

ALABAMA

"O Give Thanks Unto The Lord; For He Is Good: Because His Mercy Endureth Forever." Psalms 118:1.

The Lord is still good to us at First Church. Indeed our hearts and minds were blessed recently during our Ten-Day New Year's Revival-Seminar.

We were honored and delighted to have as our guest speaker for the seminar the renowned, vivacious, and quick-witted gentleman you probably all have heard of, or heard from, Dr. C. H. Butler, from Detroit, Michigan.

The Revival-Seminar lasted from January first through January 11, 1985. A number of local Elders, Ministers, and Lay Christians were gathered in attendance at this spectacular soul-stirring event. Our prayers, are that the Lord will continually bless Dr. Butler, and keep him in good health. We are looking forward to another visit from Dr. Butler in the future, if the Lord wills it.

Romans 10:15 say, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and spread glad tidings of good things." Thank you, Dr. Butler, for helping to spread the gospel, and bringing us good-things.

The pastor and members of the First Church of God in Christ, in Mobile, Alabama always extend a cordial welcome to all our visitors. If no occasion exists for you to visit us, you are still welcome to come and enjoy the Lord with us.

In Christ's Love,
First Church of God in Christ
Mobile, Alabama
Eld. John H. West, Pastor
Sis. Edwina Pope,
Church Reporter

NEW JERSEY

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May the Lord pour out His Holy Spirit on His people everywhere. This report comes from the Mt. Olive Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, Neptune, N. J., where Elder Samuel J. Williams is our Pastor. We have just come out of our 46th Church Anniversary, which started on Monday, October 15th, 1984, ending on Saturday, October 20th. It was also a Mini Revival. Elder Choice Schwartz, Pastor of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, Long Branch, N. J., was the guest speaker. Elder Schwartz preached out of his heart every night from Monday to Friday. The Spirit was certainly in the building. Souls were revived and saved, also healed. We really enjoyed a Holy Ghost Meeting.

Elder Schwartz and his family sang as never before, even the grandchildren. It was really wonderful how God used him. Thank God for the fellowship from Holy Temple. The Members came every night to be a support to their Pastor. He had three generations present. Thank God for the Anniversary and Mini Revival. Some of our honored guest were Elder Schoniers of Jersey City, New Jersey, Dist. Missy. Cooper, Missy. Montgue of the Prayer Warriors. We just can't stop praising His name, God is so good to us here at our little Church. We raised over Seven Thousand Dollars. Pray for us here in New Jersey. First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction where Eld. A. Jackson is District Superintendent.

Missionary V. Cooper,
District Missionary
Elder S. J. Williams, Pastor
Sister Ruth Shaw, Reporter

PENNSYLVANIA

On Sunday, January 27th, 1985, the Mount Airy Church of God in Christ celebrated Founder's Day, in which they honored Pastor and Founder, Elder Ernest C. Morris. Guest Speaker for this very special occasion (morning and evening services) was Elder Charles Quillen, Pastor of King's Chapel Church of God in Christ, Southampton, N.Y. He delivered two soul-stirring messages. On Sunday morning, Elder Quillen spoke from the 4th chapter of St. John, 11th verse. His subject was "Nothing to Draw With." And, on Sunday night, his message was "Abide in Me" from St. John 15th chapter.

Music for the occasion was rendered by the Mass Choir under the direction of Sis. Johnie Mosley, Minister of Music. Two very encouraging and heart-warming tributes were paid Pastor Morris by the church mother, Mother Virginia Caswell, and the church secretary, Sis. Gertrude Keasley. These were enjoyed by all!

The Founder's Day Services climaxed with an Award Banquet sponsored by Pastor Morris and his wife, on Saturday, February 2, at the Conti Restaurant, Glenside, Pa.

The Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ was founded by Pastor Morris in 1966, and originated in a storefront mission on Germantown Avenue. After a few short years, God blessed and Elder Morris led his congregation to 34 E. Sharpnack St. Under the continuous blessings of God and the faithful leadership of Pastor Morris, in June 1978, the congregation made its second move to its present location and beautiful edifice on Ogontz Avenue.

In 1982, the Lord gave Elder Morris a vision of enlarged quarters. Immediately renovations were begun and the sanctuary that once held

500-600 members, now seats from 1000 to 1200 people. This new expansion was totally completed by contributions and pledges from members and friends. No financial indebtedness was incurred by the Church.

Pastor Morris and Mt. Airy Church are rejoicing and praising God for his unspeakable gifts. To Elder Morris and the congregation of Mt. Airy Church, we say "God Bless You" and continue in His love!

Submitted by:
Sis. Gertrude Keasley
Church Secretary

TEXAS

"Striving For Spiritual Excellence In 85" is the motto of a small country church located in a small country town called Edna, Texas. I'm sure someone asked where in the world is that? Edna, Texas is about one hundred miles from Houston, Texas. We saints of Faith Temple are godly proud to be a small part of such a great organization as this grand old Church of God in Christ. We have been around for a long time, about thirty years.

In the beginning there was only a log, then a one room house served as a church building. Later another blessing came, as we used an old army barracks. Time passed and it was improved and renovated into a church building. The Lord blessed several great preachers to come serve this little congregation. Some moved on while others were called home by the Lord.

In our area, Superintendent H. Herbert, who serves as our District Superintendent has under him a family of small but anointed churches. These churches make up a happy district family known as the Victoria District. Bishop T. D. Iglesias presides as bishop of the Texas Southwest Jurisdiction, of which we belong.

We at Faith Temple are in process of restructuring our church program. The Lord is adding little by little. Our Youth Department is being organized by Sister Annie Ruth Gipson. The YWCC will be next under the leadership of Missionary Ferguson. Sister I. Barnes heads the Sunday School Superintendent. Sister L. Callis serves as Church Treasurer and Sister Rosie Hill is Church Mother.

Whenever in the Houston area and you need some fresh country air or an old fashioned Holy Ghost, hand clapping and foot stomping time, come share with us at Faith Temple. Remember we have the little country church. Oh, by the way, your humble servant serves as pastor, Elder E. T. Ferguson, Sr.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Holy Greetings in the Name of Jesus! Knowing that you are vitally concerned with the propagation of the Gospel in all areas of the world, I would like to take this opportunity to speak to you regarding the Lord's work here in the Virgin Islands.

Here in St. Thomas we will soon be celebrating our Fifteenth Anniversary. It is with heartfelt thanks to the Lord that we look back over these fourteen years. The Lord, indeed, has been present in this work. The way has not been smooth nor were we without discouragements, but we can say of a truth: "We've come this far by faith." God has assured again and again that He is here and it is He who has sustained us. Looking back, we must also look forward and strive as never before to evangelize the Gospel of Christ. Being the only Church of God in Christ in all three of the Virgin Islands, you can see that the task before us is a great one.

Presently we are seeking the Lord for a more spacious church building and property on which to build it. Land is very hard to secure here but we know that God is able to resolve all problems, no matter how difficult. I am hopeful that you will pray about this matter and let the Lord direct you what to do for the work here in the U. S. Virgin Islands. Any support you can give to this worthy cause can be sent into our Mission Department, Memphis, Tennessee.

I am hopeful that you will find this letter interesting and informative. Knowing that the prayers of the righteous avail much, we earnestly ask your prayers and support for the work here. How can any of us rest peacefully knowing that there are souls who have never heard the Gospel of Christ? I look forward to visiting your church or having you come over here and visit the Lord's work here and see what we are doing for the Master.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, may the Lord bless and keep you.

Joseph W. Lewis

PRAY

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a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me (Psalm 51:10). I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1).

A WRONG RELATIONSHIP with a fellow believer will hinder our prayers. Jesus taught his followers; even if you think your

brother has an ought against you, go to him and be reconciled and then come and offer thy gift. (Matt. 5:23, 24).

WE MUST ALSO BE SURE that we have the right motives for our petition before God. You ask and do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on pleasures (James 4:3 New American Standard Bible).

PRAYER MUST BE WITH sincerity and diligence. We lose our blessing when we pray openly to impress and to receive the praises of men. But when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou has shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly (Matt. 6:6).

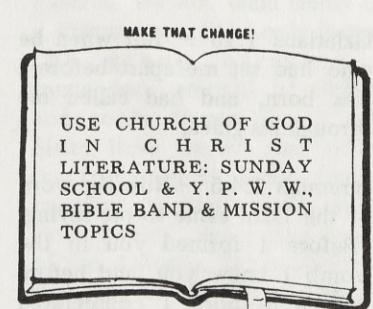
OUR PRAYERS BRING ANSWERS when we pray with faith. Without faith it is impossible to please him. He that cometh to God first must believe that God is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Heb. 11:6). Our faith enables us to believe before we see the results.

WHILE WE PRAY IN faith believing, we must use the name above all others. The sweet name of Jesus. Verily, verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you (John 16:23).

A FERVENT PRAYER LIFE allows you to grow and progress in the ways of the Lord. The Christian Woman can develop a close communion with God through prayer. Humility comes with prayer. We realize our insignificance and learn to cast our care upon him, for he careth for you (II Peter 5:7).

WHAT IS SO AMAZING IS the power of the Holy Ghost. When the time comes that life's problems are too hard to bear, the Holy Ghost makes intercession for us. In other words-when we cannot articulate our petition, deep down inside the Holy Ghost begins to tell heaven just what the problem is with groanings which cannot be uttered (Romans 8:26, 27). Praise His Holy Name...

THUS SAITH THE LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come: (Jeremiah 9:17).



READERS WRITE

“WHAT IS FAITH” by Mary Lou Parker

On November 29th as I was preparing for my morning devotion, I asked the Lord to teach me something from His Word. Immediately He spoke to my heart, FAITH. I then asked Him for a special clarity on Hebrews 11:1. This He marvelously did; I wish to share it with you.

Since faith has many facets, we shall deal in just one area. First, let me state what faith is not. It is not our taking a desire and straining to hold on, while believing strongly enough, then praying and fasting long enough until it comes to pass. Further more, much heartache and weakening of ones faith can be had from claiming on object or desire without a definite assurance from the Lord. It is similar to a child asking a parent for something and claiming it without the parent giving an answer. The answer maybe yes, and it may just be NO, according to what the parent feels is truly best for the child.

What then is the faith spoken of in the 11th chapter of Hebrews? The first verse states: “Faith is the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for, the EVIDENCE of things not seen.” Let’s dissect that verse. SUBSTANCE is the thing hoped for, the desire or what one is praying for or acting upon. EVIDENCE, or proof, that it shall be obtained is ALWAYS the Word of God.

The Word of God comes to us in various ways. It may be directly spoken as to the old Patriarchs. It may come from the INSPIRED Word of God; the Bible. We are dealing here with the ILLUMINED or QUICKENED Word to our hearts for a special condition. It may come through strong unctions or reassurances from the Holy Ghost. It may come from an anointed message or words from an individual used of God. SPECIAL dreams from God are another source in which He may give His word.

Let us return to the 11th chapter of Hebrews and with the help of the old Patriarchs further study the meaning of their faith. Throughout this chapter dealing with the old Biblical characters you will find the two components of faith always present, SUBSTANCE and EVIDENCE. Hebrews 11:8 reads, “By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance obeyed: and he went out not knowing whither he went.” The inheritance was the SUBSTANCE. It was the thing promised and hoped for by Abraham. The EVIDENCE, or proof, though unseen, he would receive it, was the spoken Word of God. Hebrews 11:30 speaks of Joshua and the walls of Jericho. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down. The falling of

the walls was the SUBSTANCE; the spoken Word of God was the EVIDENCE. Back in Hebrews 11:11 deals with Sara. Through faith, although aged, strength to conceive and deliver the seed, Isaac, was given. The SUBSTANCE was Isaac; the word of God spoken by the angels was the EVIDENCE. In the healings by our Saviour, Jesus, the condition was the SUBSTANCE; the EVIDENCE was the Word of God, which was Jesus, Himself. Jesus is the Word!

A good example of faith relates to the late spiritual giant, R. A. Torrey. He was called to pray for a member of his congregation, who was a young dentist taken ill with typhoid fever. Torrey found the young man unconscious. The father and doctor sat at his bedside. The doctor explained the young man would not live; the crisis has passed and it had turned the wrong way. Yet, as Torrey prayed, he felt a great confidence come into his heart, an absolutely unshakable confidence that God had heard his prayer and that the young man would recover. Here we have SUBSTANCE, the prayer for the young man’s recovery. The EVIDENCE was the strong confidence God placed within Torrey’s heart. Later, a call came from the hospital, the young man was dying. Torrey confidently said, “He will not die; he will get well.” True to his statement the young man fully recovered.

THE WILL OF GOD IS PREEMINENT OVER ALL ACTIONS OF FAITH. A walk of faith and not by sight must be a walk according to the WILL OF GOD FOR ONES LIFE, TRUSTING GOD COMPLETELY. The Lord gives the EVIDENCE according to HIS WILL. I John 5:14 states: “And this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.” How shall we know His will? Philippians 2:13 states: “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure.” True faith does not work outside of the will of God. Romans 8:26, 27 also speaks of the Spirit interceding according to the will of God. Sometimes, He suffers us to act by His permissive will, but the optimum is acting by God’s Divine will.

Let us go further and take a look at MUSTARD SEED FAITH. I must admit in the past I have sung the song, “Faith, faith, faith, just a little bit of faith. You don’t need a whole lot; just use what you’ve got, etc.” I know this is in direct opposition to the will of God for our lives.

Matthew 17:20 reads: “...if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place: and it shall

The Whole Truth

faith,” Romans 4:19. In returning to Jesus, to the blind men He said, “...According to your faith be it unto You.” Matthew 9:29

What is great faith? Great faith is believing in God to the extend that whatever God reveals to us to do, we act upon it, doubting not, knowing He is able and will perform that, that He has promised. And that there is not any obstacle that can block our way if God has spoken. Remember faith without works or action is dead. It means that which God desired, revealed or answered our requests in the affirmative, hence His desire was not brought to fruition. In closing it is good for us to also remember that the PRAYER OF FAITH is a prayer prompted by the Holy Ghost according to the will of God.

“Likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8:26

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BISHOP WHITE

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is offering the following scripture.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4

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Bishop Carlis Moody and the entire staff of the Department of Missions Internationally expresses many thanks and appreciation to all pastors, state presidents other mission workers for your contributions. We thank God for all Jurisdictional Bishops that supported this this worthy cause.

All monies contributed will be used toward travel expense of the group to Haiti.

We pray God’s choice blessings upon you as you serve the Lord through helping others.

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Texas Northeast Jurisdiction

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according to His direction; give when He leads and you’ll never suffer from your giving.

Above all, serve Him. God had pleasure in the prosperity of HIS servant. Let your one goal in life be to serve Him. Say and think and do the things that please Him. Always check yourself to be sure that you are in His will.

Don’t let anyone turn you away from God, who is the source of your blessings (James 1:17).

When there are needs in your life, pray about those things specifically. Ask Him if there is something you need to be doing to meet those needs. And then, after you pray, praise God (Philippians 4:6, 7) and His peace will fill your heart even before He meets the need.

Finally, when you are concerned about your material prosperity, magnify the Lord. Since He is Lord, He is in control. Remind yourself that no one is bigger than God; if He plans to bless you, no one can stop it. So remember His promises, and magnify Him. When you magnify something, what happens? You are able to see it more clearly. The nature of the thing being magnified does not change; you are just able to appreciate it more fully. This is also true when you magnify God. As you praise Him, you are able to see His work more clearly. You are more able to appreciate Him. And you can relax in the confidence that He wants you to have all that you need.

(Be sure that your concept of your need is in line with His concept, or else Satan will tell you that God’s word is not true. If you think that you need a Rolls Royce but God knows that you need a Ford, you will get discouraged unless you realize that God knows your needs better than you do.)

Nothing is worth your soul; there is no reason to sin so that you can be prosperous. If you have already committed sins in that area—if you have rebelled against God and tried to bless yourself, instead of letting Him bless you—I challenge you today to ask Him to forgive you. (He’ll be glad to.) And then make a change in your life. Concentrate on serving Him and letting Him bless you. You will then be truly prosperous.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Essie Mae Robinson was born in Camilla, Georgia to the late Mr. Sherman and Julia Gaines Robinson. She grew up in Decatur County, Georgia, where she attended the public school system. At an early age she joined the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. Crowfield. She was saved and received the Holy Ghost in 1918, in the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, Attapulgus, Georgia. She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Samuel Jones Williams, January 29, 1922. In 1941, they came to Asbury Park, New Jersey and joined the Church of God in Christ. She served as President of the Home and Foreign Mission. She participated in the E. W. Club and served on the Mothers Board until her health failed.

Mother Williams departed this life Sunday, December 30, 1984, at Jersey Shore Medical Center at 8:00 a.m. She leaves to mourn, her devoted husband of 63 years, Elder Samuel J. Williams. Six foster children, Ivene Johnson, Pauline Cobb and Elzie Walker all of Asbury Park, New Jersey. Willie Williams of Freehold, New Jersey, Anna Mae Sally of Long Branch, New Jersey and Mary Singletary of California. Six sisters, Mrs. Goldie Williams, Mrs. Eula Thompson, Mrs. Irene Johnson, Mrs. Mary Wright, Mrs. Smithy V. Johnson and Mrs. Pecola Marshall. There is a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and various relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Elder S. J. Williams, Pastor
Sister Ruth Shaw, Recorder

NEWS FOR VETS

The Veterans Administration announced today that the Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act has been extended and that eligible Korea and Vietnam Era veterans have until February 28th to make initial application for placement under the program.

Robert Bielak, director of the Nashville VA Regional Office, said that employers now have until September 1, to place veterans in on-the-job training

positions under the program. He said applications for renewal of eligibility from veterans already certified to participate would be accepted beyond the February 28th date.

Bielak said the program provides a "unique incentive" to employers to hire and train unemployed veterans. "It's particularly attractive to small businessmen," he said "because it reimburses them immediately rather than through traditional end-of-year tax credits".

More than 20,000 veterans went to work in new jobs last year under the program; 604 in Tennessee according to the Tennessee Department of Employment Security. The VA pays their employers 50 percent of their starting hourly rate of pay for up to nine months, 15 for disabled veterans, to a maximum reimbursement of \$10,000 per veteran.

ABORTION

am the Lord, who made all things, who stretched out the heavens alone, who spread out the earth — who was with me?"

The Spirit is the Unborn and Responds to God

Ecclesiastes 11:5 — Refer to the above.

Luke 1:15 — John the Baptist filled with the Holy Spirit before birth for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

Luke 1:41 — And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary (Mother of Christ), the babe (John the Baptist) leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:44 — For behold, when the voice of your greeting come to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.

What does the Bible Say about the Responsibility To Save Unprotected Lives?

Proverbs 6:16-17 — Seven things hateful to God: There are six things that Yahweh hates, seven

that his soul abhors: A haughty look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood...

Matthew 24:19 — "woe to the women with child in latter days."

Matthew 19:14 — "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belong the kingdom of God."

Matthew 25:34-40 — "Enter into the kingdom prepared for you, because when I was hungry you fed me, thirsty you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you received me into your homes...If you do it unto the least of these my brothers, you do it unto me."

Deut. 30:19 — "I call Heaven and Earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death...therefore, choose life, that you and your descendants may live."

What Does the Bible Say About Taking A Life?

Exodus 20:13 — Thou shalt not kill.

Genesis 9:6 — Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image.

Exodus 1:16-17 — "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.

Exodus 21:22-25 — "when men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that there is a miscarriage, and yet no harm follows, the one who hurt her shall be fined, according as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. If any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."

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